

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, in the Yadkin County Human Services Building (Commissioners' Meeting Room), 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC.

Present were:

Chair Kim Clark Phillips
Vice Chair Joel Cornelius
Commissioner Tommy Garner
Commissioner Chad Wagoner
Commissioner Brady Wooten

Staff present: County Attorney, James Graham and Interim County Manager, Randy Darden.

Clerk to the Board, Gina Brown arrived at 9:45am.

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Phillips at 9:02am.

INVOCATION led by James Graham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chair Phillips.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following adjustments to the agenda were requested:

- (1) IX. Board appointment for the Yadkin County Public Libraries Board of Trustees.
- (2) X. (7) Delete from today's agenda due to absence of Clerk Brown
- (3) XVI. (2) Agenda adjustments related to reclassifications will not be reviewed at today's meeting.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted adjustments. Vice Chair Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no speakers for Public Comment during today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following adjustments were requested for the August 18, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes:

- (1) Pg. 6 – 1st paragraph: only 1 mobile home was abandoned
- (2) Pg. 10 – 5th paragraph: should read \$625 for each of the Yadkin County libraries

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to approve the August 18, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes with noted adjustments. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

The Board reviewed the following Closed Session Minutes:

March 2, 2006	March 20, 2006	April 17, 2006
May 1, 2006	May 15, 2006	June 19, 2006
August 21, 2006	October 2, 2006	October 16, 2006
October 31, 2006	December 4, 2006	

Adjustments were requested to closed minutes as follows:

- (1) March 20, 2006 – change “mute” to “moot”
- (2) October 31, 2006 – change “hone” to “home” and change “refigure” to “reconfigure”
- (3) December 4, 2006 – change “quite” to “quit” and change “Count” to “County”

Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to adjust the Closed Session Minutes as noted and approve all for release. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing on today's agenda.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to appoint Jack Loudermilk to the Yadkin County Public Libraries Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

(1) Gary McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Yadkin County Schools, appeared before the Board for a monthly report. Mr. McDonald offered apologies for Dr. Benfield, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. McDonald reported that there are 5,996 students in Yadkin County schools with 395 teachers. Mr. McDonald reported that a joint meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education and the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners has been planned for Monday, September 29, 2008 at 6:30pm at Jonesville Elementary School with the Board of Education to host. Mr. McDonald introduced Yadkin County Schools Maintenance Director, Donald Hawks, for updates on middle school construction.

Mr. Hawks reported that all parties are participating in monthly construction meetings to ensure that both sites are progressing on schedule. Additional review and discussion is held as needed. A chart has been established for daily operations. The Forbush Middle School site is active with grading underway for Buildings G, H, and J. One building will be ready shortly for the slab foundation. Steel work has begun on the Starmount Middle School site with some block work. Plumbers and electricians have completed the preliminary work for one of the buildings. Commissioner Wagoner asked for an update on the relocation of the power poles at the Starmount site. Mr. Hawks remarked that school officials are still hopeful that the cost will be less than projected. The Director of Surry Yadkin Electric had commented that no mark-up was added to the service and that the lowest possible cost has been projected. Vice Chair Cornelius suggested that the citizens of the Starmount area begin a letter-writing campaign or make calls to the electric company since it is a co-op and owned by the citizens. Commissioner Wagoner inquired about the service of 2 different power companies in the same area. Mr. Hawks explained that the existing power poles are transmission lines belonging to Surry Yadkin

Electric. However, the new middle school lies on the boundary line and seemed more appropriate for Duke Power service.

Mr. McDonald also introduced Mark Rumley. Mr. Rumley is the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for Yadkin County Schools. Mr. Rumley announced his pleasure at meeting the Board and having the opportunity to appear today. Mr. Rumley has been in his new role since July 7 and has had the opportunity to visit each school and nearly every classroom. Mr. Rumley is looking forward to working with the team at the Central Office as well as the faculty in the schools to improve the instruction for Yadkin County. Chair Phillips asked if any specific targets had yet been identified. Mr. Rumley remarked that specific areas are beginning to be identified. Recently, 4th grade students were evaluated to determine if they meet the State goal for knowledge of the 1-12 multiplication table. Mr. Rumley speculated that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 4th and 5th grade students are where they should be. This is only one example of a target area. Other areas will be identified with time.

Vice Chair Cornelius acknowledged that Yadkin County Schools surpassed all State goals. However, Yadkin County Schools failed a portion of the No Child Left Behind criteria. Vice Chair Cornelius specifically asked Mr. Rumley to focus on reducing class size. Vice Chair Cornelius reported that the Honors Biology class at Starmount High School had 42 students at the beginning of the semester. Vice Chair Cornelius expressed concern for the students' ability to learn in a classroom of that size. Vice Chair Cornelius added that Yadkin County provides financial support for the School System and expects certain things in return. Vice Chair Cornelius would like the school officials to address this issue at the next joint meeting. Mr. McDonald replied that he is currently evaluating the number of teaching positions that would be required to reduce class sizes in grades K-6, 7-8, and 9-12. Mr. McDonald acknowledged that K-6 would have the greatest need as this group holds the largest number of students. English classes in grades 9-12 would also be a target area with other core classes to follow. Commissioner Wagoner noted Yadkin County Schools' exemption for class size in grades 4-12. Commissioner Wagoner asked why those grades would not be the first priority in order to eliminate the exemption waiver. Mr. McDonald explained that K-6 has the greatest need with the greatest amount of students. Mr. McDonald also noted that Yadkin County has one of the lowest teacher

turnover rate at 9% compared to 18-20% of surrounding counties.

Commissioner Wagoner welcomed Mr. Rumley to Yadkin County and assured him that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners has a very active interest in the school system.

(2) Bobby Todd, Director of the Yadkin Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board for various updates on economic development. Mr. Todd reported the following:

- (a) Activity was up in August. Hopefully some of those projects will soon come to a conclusion.
- (b) The Recycling Center will soon be in operation.
- (c) Preliminary data on Travel and Tourism indicates a slight increase in spending in Yadkin County. However, those numbers are measured by room sales. Travel and tourism has a \$45 million impact on North Carolina. With Yadkin County having 10 open wineries, Mr. Todd anticipates more accurate figures will be forthcoming.
- (d) Scenic Byway signs will be placed this fall. This 64-mile designation begins in Elkin, travels Swan Creek Road, Old Highway 421, into Yadkinville, by the Country Club on Rockford Road, continues Rockford Road into Surry County and through Dobson. Additional loops can be added later on.
- (e) Twenty-one (21) wineries have committed to the Yadkin Valley Grape Festival; the largest number in its history.
- (f) The Tourism Development Authorities continue to work on their marketing plans.

Chair Phillips asked Mr. Todd to address the rise in the unemployment rate. Mr. Todd explained that those numbers are misleading. There are 140+ more individuals working in July than in June but the workforce has increased by a greater percentage.

(4) David Swann, Executive Director of Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare, appeared before the Board for a bi-annual report. Mr. Swann reviewed the information packet provided with the agenda as follows:

- (a) Projected Yadkin County population for July 2008 is 38,650.
- (b) Yadkin County appropriation for 08-09 for mental health is \$139,140 (\$3.60 per capita based on population estimates).
- (c) Six year history of appropriations indicates that Yadkin's

contribution has increased from \$3.26 per capita in 04-05 to the present rate of \$3.60.

- (d) CBHC served 758 Yadkin County individuals with State and Local funds (excluding Medicaid) in 07-08.
- (e) The 08-09 budget for CBHB is \$31,660,787, an increase from \$26,998,176 in the previous year. Funds are derived from Medicaid Pass-Through and CAP, LME Service Funds, and Direct Care Funds.
- (f) CBHC is the local point of accountability for mental health services for Yadkin, Surry, and Iredell counties. Services supported include:
 - ACCESS to Care – 24 hour crisis line
 - mobile crisis
 - residential services for adults and children
 - clinical services
 - substance abuse services
 - day/vocational services
 - supportive services
 - Community Alternative Program (CAP)
 - crisis and intensive services
 - housing
 - WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)
- (g) The Short Session of the NC General Assembly enacted several pieces of legislation that improve local mental health management and provide additional funds for local services.
- (h) An unaudited end-of-the-year budget was provided indicating a loss of \$593,765 which was replaced with fund reserves. Loss was the result of one-time start up funds and funds designated for housing.
- (i) Visits by Yadkin County citizens totaled 14,009; 12,457 for adults and 1,552 for children.
- (j) CBHC is governed by an 18-member Board; six being appointed by each County Board of Commissioners. Yadkin County's appointee is Scott Whitaker who currently serves as the Chairman. Mr. Swann also acknowledged Commissioner Wagoner's participation on the Board and offered his appreciation.
- (k) Service areas for Yadkin include Yadkinville, Boonville, and Elkin.
- (l) There are currently 24 local entities.
- (m) New Horizons Home Care has assumed the operation of the Adult Developmental Vocation Program (ADVP).

- (n) Mr. Swann offered praises for a recent initiative entitled Communities Caring for Families (CCFF). CCFF is a collaboration of all child and family entities working together to intervene or reverse trends in youth associated with the Court System. CCFF has received a Kate B. Reynolds grant of \$300,000 over the next 3 years which has allowed the CCFF to double the number of kids served. CCFF has been selected to become one of the sites for the nationally acclaimed Reclaiming Futures model supported by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.
- (o) Mr. Swann discussed the high cost of transporting patients to the State mental hospital. Mr. Swann reported that local funds have been used to reduce state hospital admissions.

Chair Phillips asked Mr. Swann to address why CBHC required a fund balance and why Yadkin County allocates more per capita than Surry or Iredell. Mr. Swann replied that a 40% fund balance is generally accepted in the mental health arena. Mental health entities operate similar to that of insurance companies in that there is a large risk pool. In addition, there is an 8 ½% set-aside for insurance coverage for retirees. Mr. Swann reported that Iredell appropriates \$3.60 per capita as well as Yadkin. Surry's per capita rate is less because of budgeting shortfalls that began in the early 2000s. Those budget cuts have not yet been recovered.

Vice Chair Cornelius commended Mr. Swann for his recent presentation at the NCACC meeting in New Bern. Vice Chair Cornelius voiced concerns regarding insurance coverage for retirees and stated he did not believe that insurance coverage was an obligation by County or State offices.

(4) Amy Driver, Client Services Associate for eCivis, appeared before the Board for an update on eCivis activity. Ms. Driver had identified a lack of consistent use of the eCivis program. Ms. Driver had found that department heads and supervisors did not have the time to devote to the on-line searches that eCivis offers and suggested that the task be delegated to subordinate staff. Ms. Driver also announced that Yadkin has 2 training sessions still available; one for grant writing and the other for project definition. Both sessions would take approximately an hour. The training roster would come directly from the

County. Vice Chair Cornelius directed Interim Manager Darden to contact all department heads and begin to establish a training schedule. Vice Chair Cornelius remarked that the program is very easy to navigate and that it does not need to sit without being used.

- (4) Brent Hawks, EMS Director; Keith Vestal, EMS Training Coordinator; and David Matthews, Communications Director appeared before the Board for an update on the recent implementation of the Emergency Medical Dispatch program. The Board was provided the same training document that is used with each of the emergency responders. Mr. Vestal stated that the Emergency Medical Dispatch program is not only the national standard, but the international standard as well. Just as Yadkin County citizens have become accustomed to a certain level of care, the EMD offers a certain level of dispatch. EMD will include pre-arrival, and perhaps lifesaving, instructions cutting response time to "0". Each emergency call will be screened with a set of questions that guides the tele-communicator to a specific protocol and gives them the ability to prioritize the level of need. In turn, this new procedure will affect the responders. Instructions will be much shorter, more concise, and more specific. Radio traffic will be reduced, clearing the emergency frequency. Commissioner Wagoner asked Mr. Vestal to address the use of code as opposed to long-handle. Mr. Vestal reported that there are 33 standard codes used with this system and that they are all well discernable. Responders will know more than they ever have about the emergency situation. Mr. Hawks added that citizens will get better care as it will be more specialized. It will allow the dispatch of only those emergency entities that are needed. Mr. Hawks noted that 64 of the 100 counties are already using the EMD program with 6 more counties in the process of adopting. Commissioner Wagoner asked if feedback had been received from those counties that currently use the system. Mr. Hawks offered that the only negative response that he had heard was that some counties had trouble keeping fully trained tele-communicators due to non-competitive salaries. Mr. Vestal noted that the system can reduce a County's liability and that there had been no successful litigation where the EMD had been used. Mr. Matthews added that all new employees have been hired and are awaiting certification.

[Emergency Medical Dispatch Training Document is attached as Addendum A]

Chair Phillips called for a recess at 10:30am. Meeting resumed at 10:47am.

(6) Department Reports

Inspections and Permitting – Gary Hayes, Chief Inspector

Mr. Hayes provided the Board with a spreadsheet detailing the types and amounts of permits that had been issued in 2007 and thus far in 2008. Mr. Hayes expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to appear before the Board. Mr. Hayes explained that the Inspections and Permitting Department is the central permitting agency of the County. Mr. Hayes noted that 16 residential permits had been issued in the month of August. Zoning permits of 130 and Fire Prevention Permits of 50 have been issued in 2008. Over 2000 inspections have been completed. Mr. Hayes conducted his first inspection of the Starmount Middle School on July 15 and his first inspection of Forbush Middle School on August 6. Mr. Hayes named the commercial projects that are currently underway in Yadkin County:

Forbush Friends Church – addition	Robert Baldwin – storage facilities
County Park Concession Stand	County Dental Clinic
Arby's	Sanders Ridge Winery
Recycling Center	Dorsett's
South Oak Ridge Youth Center	

Mr. Hayes named commercial projects that have just recently been completed:

Phillips Van Heussen – addition	Flint Hill Vineyards
Jonesville Town Hall	Johnson Modern Electric
Enon Baptist Church	Richmond Hill Baptist Church
Laurel Gray Vineyard	Mark Wooters Business Park
Shadow Springs Vineyard	Gray Garrison Realty
Robert Baldwin Apartment Buildings	

Mr. Hayes reported that additional wineries and wine-tasting rooms are under construction. The Yadkin Arts Council and the Yadkinville Town Park have projects underway.

North Carolina issues code changes every 3 years. To ease the process, the Inspections Department invited all licensed residential contractors to attend a meeting to review the new codes. Interim Manager Darden asked Mr. Hayes about participation. Mr. Hayes reported that 14 attended of the 32 that were invited. Mr. Hayes added that the department received positive feedback on this effort.

Mr. Hayes reported that his department is currently working with IT to update material on the website. Mr. Hayes concluded his report stating that the Inspections and Permitting Department is a fine representative of County government and that a neighboring county has expressed an interest in modeling their operations after Yadkin.

[Central Permitting Reports for 2007 and 2008 are attached as Addendum B]

Department of Social Services – Eddie Wooten, Director

Mr. Wooten thanked the Board and Interim Manager Darden for the opportunity to present. Mr. Wooten drew notice to the DSS Mission Statement in the agenda packet. Mr. Wooten also noted the series of questions at the end of the mission statement and remarked that these questions help the staff determine if a particular course of action is appropriate. The agenda packet included a list of all programs and services offered by DSS. Mr. Wooten remarked that most citizens would argue whether these programs and services are necessary. Mr. Wooten pointed out that certain DSS staff members are on-call 24/7. Programs and services may not change, but each time the legislature meets, regulations are changed on DSS programs. DSS staff must be constantly aware of current regulations. Mr. Wooten reported that DSS staff can control the manner in which those services are provided and the efficiency of those services. The goal is not to spend the full allocation of County dollars but to maximize State and Federal funds.

Mr. Wooten drew special attention to the following DSS programs:

- (a) Subsidized Childcare – This program expended over \$1 million to keep low-wage earners in their jobs. A waiting list has been established for the first time. Currently, Yadkin has approximately 58 on the list.
- (b) Child Support – Collected over \$2 million in the last fiscal year. Yadkin was 1 of only 6 counties to meet all 6 of the State goals. Yadkin is ranked 14th out of 100 counties in efficiency.
- (c) Food Stamps – Yadkin Food Stamp Unit recently received a 100% accuracy rate. USDA has a goal that 100% of eligible families at or below poverty level receive Food Stamp benefits. Yadkin is currently serving 57% of that population.
- (d) Program Integrity – Collections for 07-08 were almost \$20,000. Referrals are down from 15-20 per month to 4-5 per month.

Mr. Wooten credits that improvement to the implementation of the Northwoods Paperless Eligibility System that was purchased for DSS. Yadkin County was the first county in the state to use a paperless system. Mr. Wooten introduced Tina Lineberry, Tenia Vestal, Renee Hunter, Chris Shugart, and Josh Arnder and acknowledged their tremendous effort in developing this program that all other counties envy. Yadkin County has had 18 North Carolina counties visit to observe this paperless program and how it operates. Some of those counties include Guilford, Mecklenburg, Catawba, and many other large counties. The contract was signed in 2006 and the system was up and running in 6 months. Renee Hunter, Finance Officer for DSS, reported that this system allowed DSS to eliminate their closed file room and optimize that room with worker cubicles.

Mr. Wooten also credited the efficiency of client services to the rule that clients must be seen within 15 minutes of their arrival. If a client is left unseen in 30 minutes, there is supervisory intervention.

Commissioner Garner asked if Mr. Wooten had a breakdown of services per race. Mr. Wooten did not have that data readily available, but reported that Yadkin County's primary caseload is Caucasian. Vice Chair Cornelius, who serves on the DSS Board, offered that all recipients of benefits must provide verification of their legal status. Vice Chair Cornelius also noted that the foster care caseload had dropped from 80 to 60 since December 2006.

Moving slightly ahead in the agenda, Chair Phillips asked Mr. Wooten to review the contracts for the Indirect Cost Plan for DSS during this appearance. Mr. Wooten explained that since DSS receives over \$500,000 in federal and state money, an indirect cost plan is required. The Board has 2 proposals. Chair Phillips asked Mr. Wooten if he had a recommendation. Clerk Brown reported that Finance Director, Sheron Church, had requested the services of MGT of America based on price and experience.

Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to approve the Consulting Services Agreement between Yadkin County and MGT of America for an Indirect Cost Plan for the Department of Social Services. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

[Consulting Services Agreement between Yadkin County and MGT of America is attached as Addendum C]

(7) The Board had removed the report of Clerk Brown on the 4-Day Workweek Survey from the agenda due to Ms. Brown's absence. As Ms. Brown had entered the meeting by this time, Chair Phillips requested that this report be provided as scheduled. Ms. Brown reported that Vice Chair Cornelius had requested an informal survey of all County departments regarding the feasibility of a 4-day work week for employees. Ms. Brown stated that the departments were instructed that business must operate as usual and services provided at the current level. Each department was to consider their structure, services, and number of employees. The Board was provided the results and comments from those surveys. Ms. Brown reported that roughly 50% of the County departments believe that a 4-day schedule could be accomplished in their individual departments. Ms. Brown also stated that a 4-day work week would allow several hours of un-interrupted work and possibly provide greater productivity. Ms. Brown noted that there may be some resentment from those departments that are unable to participate. Chair Phillips questioned the response of the Fire Marshal and the Veterans Service Officer. Ms. Brown explained that those offices are one-person operations and those individuals remain on call 24/7. An alternate work schedule of 4 days per week would be inconsequential. Commissioner Wooten remarked that the

4-day work schedule is a good idea, but should be reviewed very carefully prior to implementation. Chair Phillips suggested this initiative be deferred to the personnel committee and the County Manager soon to be in place.

BOARD ACTION

Budget Amendments

Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to approve the presented Budget Amendments for the Yadkin County Libraries and the Yadkin County Health Department. Commissioner Wagoner second.

Vote: 5/0

[Budget Amendments are attached as Addendum D]

Surplus Vehicles

The Board held a brief discussion of surplus. Mr. Wooten, DSS Director, reported that David Matthews, Communications Director, usually handled all surplus property on govdeals.com.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve the surplus of a 1996 Ford Crown Vic from DSS, a 1998 Ford Taurus from DSS, and a 1993 Jeep from EMS for sale on govdeals.com. Vice Chair Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

Schedule of Values 2009

Tax Administrator, Phyllis Adams, reported that the Board had been presented with the proposed Schedule of Values and a public hearing had been held according to State guidelines. The proposed Schedule of Values had been on display for public viewing. The proposed farm use value reflects an increase from \$500 to \$760 for agriculture/horticulture designations and an increase from \$250 to \$340 for timber designations. Ms. Adams reported that in 1979, Yadkin County had 1 farm with this designation. Farm use value at that time was \$1000 for agriculture and \$850 for timber. At the 1983 revaluation, the Yadkin County Board dropped the rates to \$850 per acre for agriculture and \$500 per acre for timber. The Board placed a full page advertisement in the local newspapers of the availability of this designation

and the County received over 3300 applications. The State began making recommendations for land use value in 1991. The Board again dropped the rate to \$500 per acre on agriculture and \$250 per acre for timber following the state recommendation. There have been no adjustments to the rate since 1991.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to set the land use value for timber designations at \$340 per acre following the State recommendation. Vice Chair Cornelius second. Commissioner Garner pointed out that this action would affect Commissioner Wagoner personally but that he made the choice to do what was right for the County, not the individual.

Vote: 4/1 (Wooten against)

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to set the land use value for agriculture/horticulture designations at \$630 per acre which is ½ of the difference between the current rate and the State recommended amount.

Commissioner Garner second. Commissioner Wagoner commented that the recent public hearing on this matter had drawn a room full of people with few speakers. Commissioner Wagoner read a portion of the minutes from the August 18, 2008 regarding the comments of Charles Robert Wooten. Mr. Wooten's concern was for the widow ladies who would not be able to afford the increase in tax and would be forced to sell their family farm land and become wards of the County. Though Commissioner Wagoner appreciated Mr. Wooten's magnanimous concern, Commissioner Wagoner was more concerned for the average homeowner. Commissioner Wagoner surmised that as the agriculture tax stays constant, the greater amount of tax burden is placed on the homeowner. Commissioner Wagoner acknowledged the value of farmers and therefore suggested a modest increase. Commissioner Wooten remarked that the suggested land use value represents an increase of 25% and felt that this amount is unjustified. Increased tax will lead to higher food prices.

Vote: 3/2 (Wooten and Cornelius against)

Additional discussion continued on the Schedule of Values. Commissioner Garner pointed out that Commissioner Wagoner and Chair Phillips would be personally effected by the increase because of their own land designations, but were willing to do what they thought was right. Ms. Adams reported that there had been approximately 60% increase in property tax for the same time

period that the land use value stayed constant. Commissioner Wagoner commented that a 25% increase on farm and timberland is not unreasonable given the 60% increase on homeowners.

Chair Phillips repeated a remark by Charles Robert Wooten at the August 18 meeting regarding this Board's desire to leave a legacy. Chair Phillips expressed that Mr. Wooten is correct in some respects. This Board would like to leave a legacy of doing the right thing for the good of the county regardless of outcome or outcry.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to adopt the Schedule of Values to include the prior motions for Land Use Value. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

[Order Approving and Adopting the Final 2009 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules for the Reappraisal of Real Property within Yadkin County is attached as Addendum E]

Authorization to Advertise 5D Project on September 7, 2008

Mr. Darden noted the federal funding of \$4.6 million with a matching amount from the State for the 5D Project. After a conference call including Janice Burke, Mr. Darden felt comfortable in projecting a 4.6% or 4.7% interest rate on the remaining amount needed for the 5D Project. Schnabel has presented a standard advertisement for bids and Mr. Darden would like to advertise for bids on September 7, 2008.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to authorize an advertisement for bids of the 5D Project on September 7, 2008. Vice Chair Cornelius second. It was noted that the projected borrowing rate is 0.1% less than the debt model presented earlier by Janice Burke. Local banks have been contacted but do not indicate that they can compete with the projected 4.6% or 4.7% on an estimated borrowed amount of \$8.8 million. Commissioner Wagoner inquired about the amount of interest there would be in this project. Mr. Darden commented that the advertisement will be for a \$15-\$20 million project and will receive national attention. Currently, there are a maximum of 8 firms that have the capability to construct compacted concrete. Mr. Darden anticipated 10 bids. The mitigation plan for the wetlands of Dinkins Bottom will be bid as a separate project.

Vote: 5/0

Vice Chair Cornelius reported that Jason Walker, Director of Soil and Water, has an opportunity to attend a class in Dallas, Texas on compacted concrete. Vice Chair Cornelius felt that Mr. Walker's participation in this class could be beneficial to the 5D Project and asked the Board to provide allocation to cover the cost of travel and expenses for this class.

Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to allocate up to \$2000 for travel and expenses for Jason Walker to attend a training class in Dallas, Texas on compacted concrete for the benefit of the 5D Project. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Grant Agreement between Yadkin County and the Natural Resource Conservation Service

The Board had reviewed an agreement between Yadkin County and the Natural Resource Conservation Service at the meeting on August 18. There were some typing errors that needed correcting in the original document. That document is presented once again at today's meeting for approval by the Board. The agreement is fairly standard and calls for monthly reports with reimbursement provided on a quarterly basis. Schnabel will provide the necessary data and the County will be responsible for completing the required report. Chair Phillips noted that Attorney Graham has already read the agreement and has no issue with its approval.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement between Yadkin County and the Natural Resource Conservation Service for the 5D Project. Commissioner Garner second.

Vote: 5/0

[Grant Agreement between Yadkin County and the Natural Resource Conservation Service is attached as Addendum F]

Mr. Darden introduced an Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 on the 5D Project.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to approve the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 on the 5D Project. Commissioner Wooten second. Vote: 5/0

[Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 is attached as Addendum G]

Mr. Darden introduced Supplemental Watershed Agreement #5 that recalculates the percentage and participation of the 3 entities: Local, State, and Federal. Specifically, the agreement only outlines the dollar amount invested by the Federal Government.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve Supplemental Watershed Agreement #5 for the 5D Project as presented. Vice Chair Cornelius second. Vote: 5/0

[Supplemental Watershed Agreement #5 is attached as Addendum H]

Mr. Darden anticipates receiving a similar grant agreement document from NCDENR. Attorney Graham will review upon receipt.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve a Grant Agreement with NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and authorizing Chair Phillips' signature upon review by Attorney Graham. Vice Chair Cornelius second. Vote: 5/0

Mr. Darden announced that the CLOMR Permit had been received. The County, even though experiencing a push late in the process, accomplished all that was needed. Many individuals, especially Jason Walker, were instrumental in this process.

Commissioner Wagoner remarked that the CLOMR approval further adds to his appreciation of Mr. Darden, Mr. Walker, and all the other individuals who were involved in this process for their hard work on the 5D Project. Commissioner Wagoner acknowledged Mr. Darden for fulfilling his role as the County's contracted engineer and as the Interim County Manager.

Requests from the Finance Department

Interim Manager Darden asked to postpone the review of certain accounting procedures until the September 15, 2008 meeting of the Board.

MANAGER REPORTS/COMMENTS

- (1) Continuing the conversation regarding 5D, Mr. Darden announced that there will be 2 other pieces to the 5D Project. Soil and Water Director, Jason Walker is working with the State for final cost estimates on the mitigation for the streams that will be impacted by the construction of the dam. NRCS prepared a design for the plugs at Dinkins Bottom to return it to wetlands. There are no fees to discuss at this time for the preparation of these documents, but fee requests will be forthcoming at the next regular meeting of the Board.
- (2) Mr. Darden reported that roof leaks at the courthouse were especially bad during the recent rains. ChemTech has surveyed the roof and has prepared an estimate of less than \$24,000 to replace the roof over ½ of the courthouse as well as the drains. After some discussion, Attorney Graham remarked that 2 other informal bids would be sufficient to complete the process.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about previous reports of problems with an air conditioning unit at the courthouse and the potential leaking from that unit. Some discussion followed. Commissioner Wooten asked Mr. Darden to confirm that the air conditioning leak had been addressed.

Chair Phillips made a motion to approve up to \$24,000 for roof repairs at the Yadkin County Courthouse. Vice Chair Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

- (3) Mr. Darden drew attention to the spreadsheet regarding water hookups along Hwy 21 in Jonesville. The incentive program expired on August 15. Taps include 48 residential properties and 1 commercial property.
- (4) Mr. Darden made reference to comments made by Sid Collins at a recent Board meeting. Mr. Darden had visited Mr. Collins' mother,

who is also a partner in the Vintage Village Flea Market. Mrs. Collins confirmed that at least 30 individuals have pledged to tap, if available, including 3 commercial properties. If fees are similar to those in Jonesville, 30 connections would result in \$22,500 in connection fees. There has been approximately \$20,000 of revenue generated from the water and sewer projects associated with Yadkinville. That amount has been earmarked for capital improvement projects. Net revenue of \$9000 per year can be anticipated if Yadkin receives approximately \$25 for each of those 30 connections along the ½ mile route to the intersection of Asbury Church Road and Rocky Branch Road. Mr. Darden suggested 12" pipe for this approximate 3000 feet. If amortized over a 20 year period at 5%, the estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000 would result in a monthly payment of \$2000. Commissioner Wooten asked if there would be chlorination issues for this line. Mr. Darden remarked that chlorination would not be an issue if there were 20-30 connections. The Board questioned the number of actual residences in that area and if 30 connections are likely. Mrs. Collins has agreed to assist with any necessary easements.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve the design of a 12" waterline from I-77 to the intersection of Asbury Church Road and Rocky Branch Road to service the residents of that area along with the Vintage Village Flea Market and other businesses. Commissioner Garner second.
Vote: 5/0

- (5) Mr. Darden reported that discussions with several contractors have occurred with no particular interest in the construction of the chlorination station. Tim Collins, Utilities Director for Jonesville, has put together some figures for purchasing a moveable station. The County's portion of that cost would be \$1700.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve \$1700 for a moveable chlorination station for the Highway 21 waterline. Commissioner Garner second.
Vote: 5/0

CALENDAR NOTES

There were no calendar notes for review at today's meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Cornelius had these additional comments:

- (1) Vice Chair Cornelius attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners August 22-23. Leon Inman, Board Chairman for the Stokes County Board of Commissioners was selected to represent the 18th district in the NCACC. Legislative issues of importance to the NCACC include: the economy, highway accessibility, skilled labor, immigration, and renewable energy. Vice Chair Cornelius noted that New Bern is a beautiful town and worth visiting. New Bern is the 2nd oldest city in North Carolina and was the first State capital. New Bern is the home of the Tryon Palace.
- (2) Vice Chair Cornelius encouraged everyone to vote "yes" on September 9 and commented on the importance of the alcohol revenue to Yadkin County. Vice Chair Cornelius remarked that this is not a moral issue, but rather an issue of business.

Commissioner Garner had these additional comments:

"If you build it, they will come."

Commissioner Wooten had this additional comment:

Mr. Wooten commented that if the eCivis program does not begin to produce results, the County should consider the hiring of a full-time grant writer.

Commissioner Wagoner had these additional comments:

Commissioner Wagoner spoke on the alcohol referendum and encouraged all to vote "yes" on September 9. Commissioner Wagoner pointed out that prohibition failed miserably and the sale of alcohol was reinstated by the United States Constitution. Commissioner Wagoner also noted that this is an issue of revenue, not morality.

Chair Phillips had this additional comment:

Chair Phillips also encouraged everyone to vote on the alcohol referendum on September 9.

Attorney Graham had no additional items for discussion.

**Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to enter a Closed Session for the discussion of potential property acquisition per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) and personnel per NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (6). Commissioner Wooten second.
Vote: 5/0**

**Vice Chair Cornelius made a motion to end the Closed Session.
Commissioner Wagoner second.
Vote: 5/0**

**Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to recess until 2:00pm on September 2, 2008 at the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College. Commissioner Wooten second.
Vote: 5/0**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Prepared by Gina Brown, Clerk to the Board

Date Approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners